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15 MS. SNYDER: Thanks, Holmes. Hi, I'm sorry.

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16 I guess Michael Jackson didn't show?

17 MODERATOR BROWN: That's correct.

18 MS. SNYDER: Darn. My name is Suzi Snyder,

19 S-U-S-I, S-N-Y-D-E-R, I'm Shundai, S-H-U-N-D-A-I,

20 Network. And I'm glad to be here tonight, although I

21 have been up since 5:00 this morning. Kind of

22 exhausted. I know many other people here as well.

23 First, I'd like to say a couple of things

24 about the process here tonight, which I know a lot of

25 people have touched on. Number one, we were given 5

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1 minutes to speak on 500 pages. I don't think that's

2 quite fair. And I realize we could submit written

3 comments and so on and so forth. Number two, there

4 were four hearings happening tonight. There's a

5 hearing in Las Vegas, there was a hearing in Carson

6 City, there was a hearing in Reno and a hearing in

7 Elko, and as much as I really appreciate the

8 opportunity to hear what my, what folks around the

9 states have to say -- around the state, excuse me --

10 have to say, four hearings in one night which was

11 allotted three hours, is ridiculous. It's just

12 ridiculous.

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14 And I do hope that in the future -- and I'm

15 told this could very well be the last hearing, or the

16 last one in Las Vegas -- that in the future situations

17 we do get to hear what people around the state are

18 saying, but not in the same night, you know.

19 We all want our time. It's like I said, like

20 Judy said, we're here for a hearing. That means we

21 want to be heard.

22 It's after 11:00. I'm fortunate, I don't

23 have kids that have to get up and go to school

24 tomorrow. You know. I'm really lucky that way. I

25 live in Pahrump, so that's quite a drive later, but you

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1 know, that will be all right.

2 I have a couple of questions. One question

3 is, I saw in the article recently that talked about how

4 much the DOE has spent on power at Yucca Mountain. And

5 I'm really surprised. Because, the site -- not site

6 characterization -- like I say, I have been up since

7 5:00 this morning. The, what is the, the SNER and the

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8 SDEIS, there's like a zillion acronyms and I'm sure you
9 all hear them, and I can speak in alphabet, but these
10 previous documents have said that in the future plans,
11 if Yucca Mountain were to become operational -- and I
12 hear on good authority that they're actually building
13 out there, which is illegal, and I urge you to cease
14 and desist -- and if in that case, then they would use
15 solar power. Cool, throw something to enviros. All
16 right. Why hasn't it been used up until now?
17 Why -- I mean if they're going out there, you
18 know, they are, why not use alternative energies, if
19 that's their plan in the future. It doesn't build
20 trust. And as many people here tonight have said, we
21 have very little trust in Department of Energy. We
22 have had -- you know, Nevada has paid its nuclear dues.
23 Many people here recall the nuclear weapons tests.
24 Many people here know that nuclear weapons tests in one
25 form or another continues at the Nevada test site.

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1 I want to let the folks in Esmeralda County
2 who ran out before I got a chance to talk to them,
3 maybe they'll eventually hear a response to this
4 comment or see this comment. You know, we're hoping

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5 that we eventually hear about the comments. We want
6 comments back, we want to hear, you know, what you guys
7 have to say about our comments, because you know, here
8 we are. It's like taking, it's like go to school, and
9 you're taking tests all semester. And you're
10 constantly speaking, you have to give oral
11 presentations, written presentations, taking tests all
12 semester long, and then you find out you're not going
13 to get any grades all semester, and then you got the
14 final and the final's the one that counts, because if
15 you screw up the final, you're screwed completely.
16 This is our final. And you know, I don't want to screw
17 up. I don't think anybody else does. I know you guys
18 don't.

19 I want to talk about the nuts, and I brought
20 this up at the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact
21 Statement Hearings, and I spoke to somebody outside
22 just a few minutes ago. Why weren't people who eat
23 nuts, people who grow nuts, in the Amargosa Valley,
24 like pistachio nuts that are grown out there, this was
25 not considered anywhere that I've been able to find,
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1 and if I'm wrong, talk to me. But this was not

2 considered in the maximally-exposed individual, which
3 is the guy who's going to die off this project. And
4 why wasn't that taken into consideration? Like there's
5 pistachio farms out there in Amargosa. That means that
6 the ground water that is already contaminated because
7 of the Nevada test site, which is flowing towards
8 Amargosa Valley, is going to be -- you know, that
9 ground water, that contaminated ground water is going
10 to be taken up by the nut trees, people are going to
11 eat the nuts, you know, and we all know what happens
12 then.

13 MODERATOR BROWN: You're at about 4:30.

14 MS. SNYDER: And I was saying to the folks in
15 Esmeralda County, there are county -- there's a county
16 grant assistant program to help with emergency
17 preparedness, that is available, that they should look
18 into, because that's, that is an alternative. That's
19 because of other nuclear wastes that are on our roads
20 and rails right now, because I live in Pahrump, like I
21 said, and Pahrump in the winter, we have anywhere from,
22 from 35 to 15 nuclear waste trucks moving through our
23 town. This is so-called low-level nuclear waste. I
24 realize that's not within the scope of tonight's

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25 hearing.

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1 I feel it's really important to say that
2 Nevada has been used as a dumping ground. Seems to be,
3 it seems to be a trend. So I am kind of a -- kind of
4 going like that. It's 11:00 and I have been up since
5 5:00. So, you know, just want them to know there's
6 something that they can do to get money for emergency
7 preparedness, if that's what they're really interested
8 in. There's no deal on the dump. I know it, living in
9 Nevada, I know that Nevada is not going to stand for a
10 high-level nuclear waste dump in our backyard. I know
11 living here what I have seen. Living here what I've
12 seen is that people are willing to do anything within
13 their power to keep this nuclear waste out of our
14 state. And I want you to understand that.

15 I want the three of you sitting at this
16 table, I want you to take it back with you to D.C. I
17 want you to recognize that people of Nevada will not
18 stand for nuclear waste coming here. We won't stand
19 for Yucca Mountain. You got to take -- and one last
20 semi-technical comment, is just that the cumulative
21 impacts, I mentioned that the test site is heavily

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22 contaminated. We all know the test site's
23 contaminated. Many of our families have suffered from
24 it. And that cumulative impact, you know, this ground
25 water, at the Nevada test site that we know is

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1 contaminated moving towards Oasis Valley, Amargosa
2 Valley, Beatty, towards Death Valley, towards where I
3 live in Pahrump, and we know this water's contaminated,
4 and you're going to put more waste, only a thousand
5 feet from it, and engineer a bunch of barriers with a
6 20-year-old metal. I have said this over and over
7 again, and I want just got to take a look at those
8 cumulative impacts, because our health and safety is
9 what matters, what counts here.

10 We recognize -- and I have many friends in
11 reactor communities. And I want you to know that from
12 my conversations with them, we do need to have a
13 national dialogue on what to do with this high-level
14 waste. You know, we need to include people who are
15 sitting in Haddam, Connecticut, who are dealing with a
16 reactor there. We need to include people around
17 decommissioned reactors. We need to include a national
18 dialogue, have a national dialogue where we have not

19 just DOE, not just Congress, but we have the people
20 from these different sites get together, share a meal
21 with each other, and have a round-table discussion and
22 really talk about this and figure out something that's
23 safe, and publicly acceptable. And those are two big
24 things. Safety first, and public acceptancy. So thank
25 you very much. I appreciate your time.

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